

CITY OF TOKYO)
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HONSHU, JAPAN)

I, ANTHONY WARREN DAWSON-GROVE, being first duly sworn on oath depose and say:

That I was a Prisoner of War of the Japanese from December 25, 1941 until the Japanese surrender. That I was taken a Prisoner of War at Hong Kong, that I was a Prisoner of War at Shinagawa Prisoner of War Hospital, Honshu, Japan, from 13 May 1944 until the end of the war.

That I am a medical graduate of Oxford University, with a degree of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, in Biochemistry, Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery. That I practiced medicine for 2½ years in various hospitals in England, where I was House Physician and Medical Registrar. In 1937 I came out to Hong Kong to practice internal medicine. At the outbreak of war I was commissioned in the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve with a rank of Surgeon Lieutenant.

On August 27, 1945, approximately thirty (30) Prisoners were brought in to the Shinagawa Hospital from the Ofuna Naval Prisoner of War Camp, Ofuna, Honshu, Japan. I examined approximately 18 of these Prisoners. One of these I remember was Wilbert Leroy Arthur, a Captain in the Air Corps, who was shot down while attacking an island off Formosa. In landing he developed a fracture dislocation of his ankle. This condition had at no time received any medical treatment. The only treatment it received was when the Japanese disliked him especially they would come and waggle his ankle, which must have caused untold agony. The ultimate chances of having an efficient ankle would be very poor, as all the bones and tendons would have gotten used to being in an abnormal position. After his arrival in the Shinagawa Hospital, I made a complete examination of him, and as he was a surgical condition, I handed him over to Surgeon Commander H. L. Cleave, Royal Navy, who stated that he would require extensive surgical treatment in order to have a weight bearing joint, but he was of the opinion that his ankle would only be 35% to 40% efficient. This means that he will always be a cripple and be unable to walk any great distances.

Another man I examined from Ofuna was Sergeant Regan who was shot down about the 10th of August from a FEY, which was on air sea rescue patrol duty. He received extensive burns and superficial shrapnel burns on both legs. The burns affecting the right side of his face, and his right shoulder, were of a second degree variety. They had not been treated at all and were a mass of pus and dirt when he was admitted to Shinagawa Hospital. He had obviously received no treatment at all, as he was both dirty and stinking of rotten pus.

Another prisoner that came in from Ofuna that I examined was Lt. Douglas British Submarine Officer off HMS STRATEGEM, exhibited severe wet beri beri. In January of 1946 he was still receiving treatment at the hands of the British Naval Medical authorities.

I also examined Lt. (j.g.) Eugene Tougas from Ofuna, who was shot down March 1945 off Kure, and was sent up to Ofuna Naval Prisoner of War Camp. He exhibited severe wet beri beri.

Another Prisoner I examined from Ofuna was a man by the name of Ray, who was a member of the American Air Force. This man was shot down in the spring of 1945 and had one large entrance wound on his right groin. There was a large palpable mass which, on X-ray, proved to be a foreign body.

All the Prisoners of War from Ofuna exhibited malnutrition in an extreme degree and, as well, they gave the appearance of very cowed and frightened men. The impression one got on seeing these men was that here was a group of men that had been really brutally treated. They all gave the same story of beatings, starvation and no medical treatment whatsoever,

/s/ A.W. Dawson Grove

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 4th day of October 1947.

/s/ John R. Pritchard

John R. Pritchard

Capt. Inf.

Summary Court

C E R T I F I C A T E

27 October , 1947

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached document is a true copy of an affidavit purporting to be sworn and subscribed to by Anthony Warren DAWSON-GROVE at Tokyo, Honshu, Japan on the 4th day of October, 1947.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that it was copied from an original in my custody as Chief, Criminal Registry Division, Legal Section, GHQ, SCAP, Tokyo, Japan.

/s/ Charles W. Willoughby

Charles W. Willoughby
Major, Inf.
Ass't Chief of Criminal Registry
Division, Legal Section